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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" Sir, direct recruitment to the category of Deputy Panchayat Officers has been left to the Commission since one year. They have not so far called for applications, as there is no need for recruitment now."

SRI D. DASARATHAN:—" Sir, is it a fact that many of the candidates who had completed the Panchayat Officers' course at their own cost have not been provided with a job and will the Government be pleased to accommodate them with suitable other jobs?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" It is a different question, Sir. That was answered already."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA:—" Sir, as seen from the reply of the Hon. Minister, the number of officers are negligible from the Harijan community. May I know the reasons for such discrimination against that community, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" Sir, these appointments were made long ago and not now."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU:—" Sir, may I know whether the Government are still following the communal Government Order in view of the Supreme Court decision?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" There is no communal G.O., Sir."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD:—" Sir, what is the guiding factor for the Government for making appointments, the communal G.O. or efficiency of the Officers employed?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" Qualifications and other capacities, Sir."

SRI BOJJA APPALASWAMY:—" రాష్ట్రం మొత్తంలో ఇద్దరే ఇద్దరు జిల్లా పంచాయితీ ఆఫీసర్లు, ముగ్గురే ముగ్గురు డిప్యూటీ జిల్లా పంచాయితీ ఆఫీసర్లు, హరిజనులై ఉన్నారని మంత్రిగారు చెప్పారు. B.A. M.A. లు పాస్ అయిన హరిజన యువకులు ఉద్యోగాలులేక అలమటేస్తున్నారు. అటువంటివారిని Communal G.O. ప్రకారం ఉద్యోగాలలో వేస్తారా?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" Sir, some seats are reserved for Harijans and they are recruited at present according to that policy."

Loans from Central Government for famine relief.

* 1249 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been made to the Government of India by the Madras Government for the grant of loans and subsidy to meet the expenses in connection with famine relief expenses; and

(*b*) if so, the amounts requested for and the relief measures for which the grants are proposed to be spent?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Information regarding the assistance asked for and actually received to end of 1952–53 is given in the paper laid on the table of the House in answer to the Legislative Assembly Question No. 1724 by Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar. For the first half of the current year, the Government of India have promised to give a grant equal to half the expenditure on gruel centres, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 25 lakhs, and a loan equal to half the cost of relief works, subject to the usual audit checks. Gruel centres and relief works are opened in the various parts of the State according to requirements, from time to time. The Government of India are also giving Ways and Means accommodation from month to month for meeting the requirements on account of the administration of the State as a whole, including famine expenditure. There is no question of earmarking this accommodation for particular relief measures."

SRI K. VENKAIAH:—" Sir, there is no paper laid on the table of the House."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Sir, it was already laid on the table of the House in answer to question No. 1724. Hon. Members are in possession of it, I am sure."

SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI:—" Sir, may I know why this Government are withdrawing famine relief from Rayalaseema, that is, Anantapur, Cuddapah and Chittoor districts, even though the Central Government are giving half the grant? Will the Government see that this is not withdrawn and if it is withdrawn, may I know whether it is due to partition? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" Sir, the prevailing situation in the different areas is taken into account and famine relief is continued, discontinued or fresh famine work started according to the situation. It is not as if continuance of these relief works should be taken up or continued without reference to the situation."

Board Elementary School at Kunhimangalam, North Malabar.

* 1250 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government have received any resolution passed at a public meeting in Kunhimangalam, Payyannoor Firka, North Malabar, on 24th April 1953 requesting the Government to take immediate steps to stop the proposed action of the Malabar District Board, in permanently closing the Board Elementary School at Kunhimangalam, and if so, what action the Government have taken in this matter?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" A resolution, dated 24th April 1953, passed at a public meeting in Kunhimangalam was received requesting the Government to dissuade the Malabar District Board from taking steps either for closing